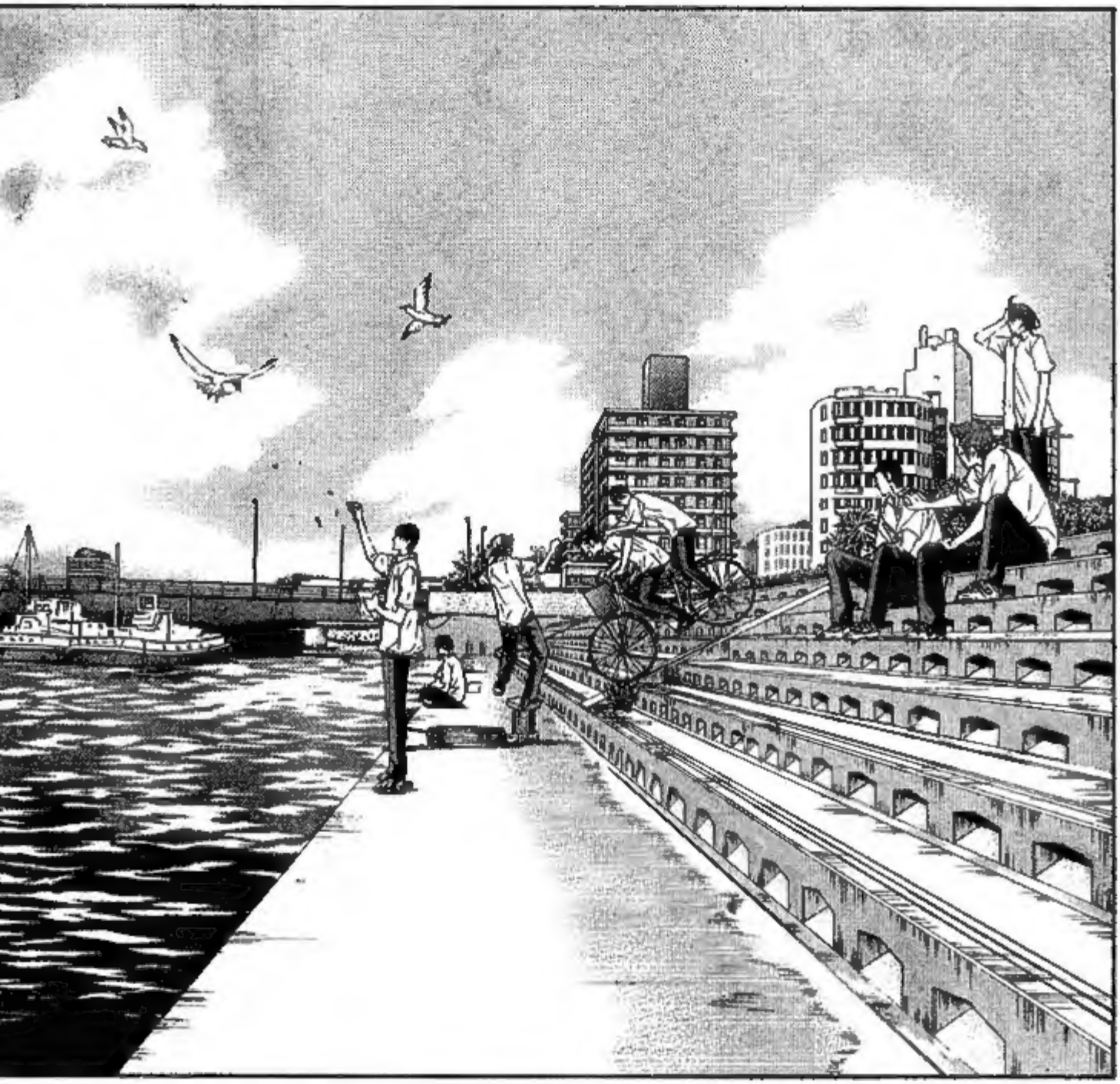
THE ANTICIPATED BIG NEWS HAS SUDDENLY ARRIVED!!
WE CAN NO LONGER TAKE OUR EYES OFF THESE GUYS!!



Genius229 UNTIL THE VERY LAST POINT

Shochiku Studios has decided that there will be a new animated feature film in 2005!!

More detailed information can be found in the next issue's color first pages!!

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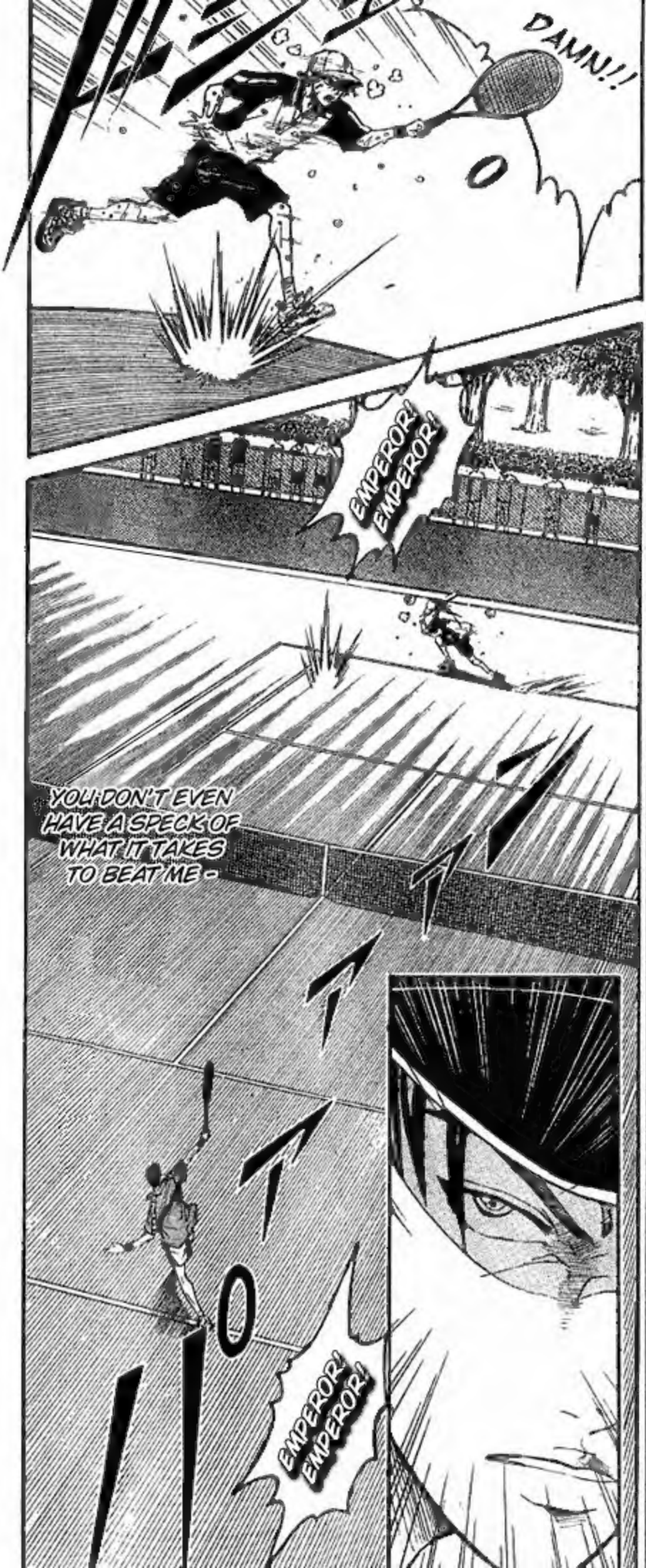
EMPEROR! EMPEROR!!
EMPEROR! EMPEROR!!
GAME SANADA 4 - 1!!
FEARSOME!! JR. HIGH TENNIS WORLD'S STRONGEST!!
HAH
HAH
STAND UP
EMPEROR!!

NOT JUST THE "WIND", BUT EVEN "FIRE" ...!!?
HE USED TWO OF THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN" ON JUST ONE OPPONENT!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO COMPLETELY DESTROY THAT 1ST YEAR'S FUTURE?
...GENICHIROU


DAMN!!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A SPECK OF WHAT IT TAKES TO BEAT ME -
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!

EMPEROR! EMPEROR!
HE'S 1000 YEARS TOO EARLY!!
TEZUKA... YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME!
HHH
EMPEROR! EMPEROR!
INVADE LIKE FIRE
!

.... AS EXPECTED

THE CHAMPIONS RIKKAI DAI ARE JUST TOO STRONG

UOOOH! HE DID IT AGAIN! PURE DOMINANCE!!
WH-WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY... WAS HE REALLY THIS STRONG?

GENICHIROU...
HONESTLY, HE'S BEING QUITE BRUTAL AGAINST A 1ST YEAR OPPONENT
HE'S SHOWING NO MERCY AT ALL. DOES HE NOT KNOW THE MEANING OF 'EASING UP'?
IDIOT, IT'S CALLED THE "PRIDE OF THE CHAMPIONS"!

FOR THE CHAMPIONS RIKKAI, THIS WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.
AND THEN IN THE KANTOU FINALS, THEY SUFFERED 2 UNEXPECTED LOSSES...
THEY WERE AIMING FOR THEIR 3RD STRAIGHT NATIONAL TITLE AND THEY WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH IT BY GOING UNDEFEATED...
LIKE THEY REALLY AREN'T SHOWING ANY MERCY..... HEH

note: another Amane pun: "yousha wa nai you sha"

SFX: BANG! BANG! SMACK!

IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE PRIDE OF THE STRONGEST CHAMPIONS RIKKAI.
HE WANTS TO COMPLETELY DOMINATE THIS MATCH AND DESTROY ECHIZEN-KUN...

HAH
HAH

HHHHOOOOO
HAH HAH...
RYOMA-KUN, ENOUGH ALREADY! PLEASE DON'T PUSH YOURSELF ANYMORE!
ECHIZEN-KUN...!!

IF HE DOESN'T PLAY ET NOW
SEIGAKU MAY LOSE AN INCREDIBLE PLAYER

MADA MADA DANE!
EH?

THERE IS NOBODY ON OUR TEAM WHO WILL GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY LAST POINT HAS BEEN DECIDED.
UNFORTU-NATELY...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, SENGOKU-SAN
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
SEE...
HE JUST SMILED...
THE SEIGAKU GUYS KNOW THE WAY RYOMA THINKS!!

Prince of Tennis Volume 27 Thanks for all your support.

It's 2005. Facing a new year, there are many projects I have planned for this year that I hope to tell you guys later. Last year, there were some things that I was not able to accomplish, so this year I hope to keep going with a bang! I hope you all look forward to it.

Yup, that's right, on January 24th (Mon), Weekly Shounen Jump #8 will once again hold a Character Popularity contest. Ryoma won the 1st Contest and Fuji won the 2nd Contest. Will the 3rd Contest be Ryoma's Revenge. Or perhaps... I am certainly looking forward to it. It would be great if everyone could participate in the contest, so please make sure to check out WJ #8!!

I am always glad to receive your kind messages and your letters of support. It is always great to see people gain courage and energy from my works.

テニスの王子様

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Congratulations!! 5 Year Anniversary & Movie Decision Memorial Color Pages!!

RYOMA'S IN A BIND, HOWEVER...!!

THAT GUY... HE JUST SMILED...!!

SEIGAKU

PRINCE OF TENNIS

...TO AN UNSEEN STAGE!!
THE SEIGAKU REGULARS
RUN UP TOWARDS IT!!

SEIGAKU

Genius230 SEIGAKU'S PILLAR OF SUPPORT

劇場版同化決定!!

Congratulations!! 5 Year Anniversary & Movie Decision Memorial Color Pages!!

EMPEROR
EMPEROR
HAH!!
HOW UNSIGHTLY!!
YOU'D GO SO FAR IN REFUSING TO ADMIT YOUR OWN DEFEAT...

HE STILL HASN'T LEARNED HIS LESSON. HE'S GOING UP FRONT AGAIN!!
OOH! LOOK AT THAT 1ST YEAR!
THERE IS NO WAY FOR YOU TO COUNTER THE "FUJI RIN KA ZAN"!!
IT WON'T WORK!!
IS THAT THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO
INVADE LIKE FIRE...

!

FUHAHAHAHA...

AAH! RYOMA-KUN!?

Jack Purcell

OWW...
15 - 0!!
.....
.....
WHAT JUST HAPPENED, SENGOKU-SENPAI!?
BUT THE BALL ENDED UP AT SANADA-SAN'S FEET...!?
ECHIZEN-KUN WAS HIT BY THE "FIRE" OF THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN"...
IT'S A FLUKE! A FLUKE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BREAK THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN"!!
THAT'S RIGHT! EMPEROR! EMPEROR!!

LOOK AT THAT 1ST YEAR! HE'S GOING UP FRONT AGAIN!?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! HOW CAN THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN" BE SEALED OFF BY SOMEONE LIKE HIM!!
BLOW HIM AWAY AGAIN WITH THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN"!!

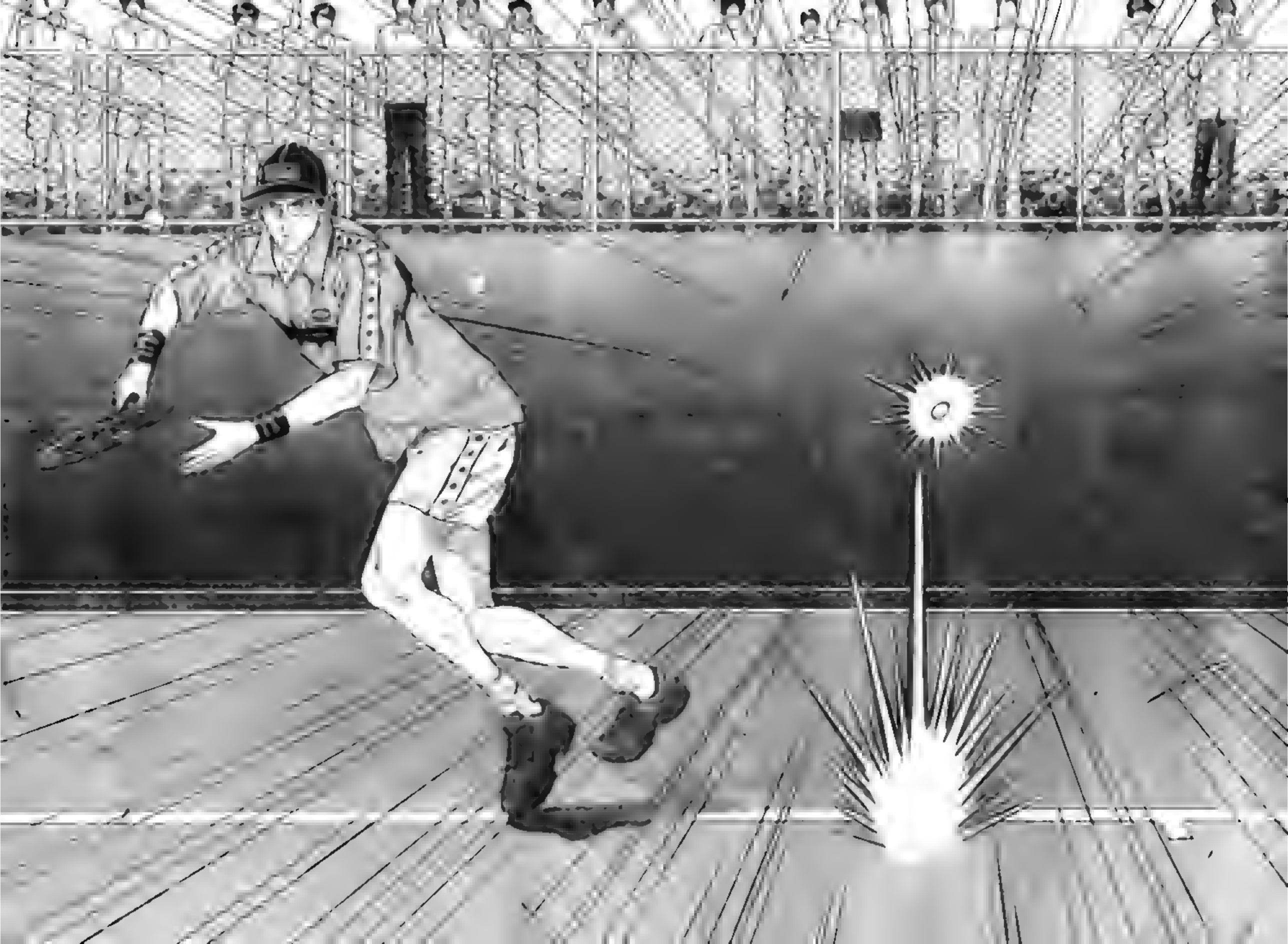
SEIGAKU

SINGLE-FOOTED SPLIT STEP!?

HE JUMPED BACKWARDS IN ORDER TO ABSORB THE BLOW...

AND THEN!!

INVADE LIKE FIRE!!



FAST LIKE THE WIND
Right?

THAT GUY... IN THAT INSTANT, HE SELF-ACTUALIZED AND USED THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN" TO COUNTER MY "FUU RIN KA ZAN"

HEY... WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND USE YOUR REMAINING 2 "FUU RIN KA ZAN" MOVES?

USING THE FACT THAT THE "FIRE" COMPONENT IS WEAK AGAINST THE "WIND" COMPONENT, HE WAS ABLE TO USE HIS OPPONENT'S OWN TECHNIQUE TO NEGATE THE ATTACK.
WHICH IS WHY IT IS SUCH A PERFECT TECHNIQUE.
EACH ELEMENT OF THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN" HAS A SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC,
SANADA PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT THAT HIS OPPONENT WOULD USE HIS OWN TECHNIQUE AGAINST HIM.
NOW SANADA WILL BE FORCED TO USE THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN"
SEIGAKU! SEIGAKU!!
ECHIZEN, YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING
!!!HOOOH
WAY TO GO! ECHIZEN!!

MEGAKU!
MEGAKU!
THE
HECK'S
YOU WERE
GOING
ON
TEZUKA
MEGAKU!
MEGAKU!
I
WILL...
MEGAKU!
MEGAKU!
MEGAKU!
MEGAKU!
EH?
THAT'S
HE'S
JUST A
LITTLE
GUY

DEFEAT YOU AND GO TO THE NATIO-NALS!
BEFORE WE KNEW IT, HE HAD BECOME SEIGAKU'S PILLAR OF SUPPORT
As Seigaku's Pillar of Support, Ryoma leads his team to victory!!
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GAME
ECHIZEN
2 - 5!!

CHASING THE EMPEROR!!

Genius231 EXTRAORDINARY KID

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TENNIS THE PRINCE OF TENNIS: THE PRINCE

テニスの王子様

OOOH! AWESOME! ECHIZEN!!
IF HE CAN SEAL UP THE "FULI RIN KA ZAN", VICTORY WILL BE OURS!
Let's go Ochibi!

HOWEVER, ECHIGEN'S BODY SENSES IT

IF HE STOPS ATTACKING FOR JUST ONE MOMENT

IT'S A PITY, ALTHOUGH HE MANAGED TO SEAL OFF THE "FUU RIN KA ZAN".
SANADA-KUN'S VICTORY REMAINS UNCHANGED.
THE MATCH WILL BE DECIDED IN AN INSTANT

YOU SHOW NO FEAR AGAINST ME, RATHER, YOU CHALLENGE ME DIRECTLY...
HOWEVER, IT IS TOO LATE... THAT HIGH TENSION STYLE OF PLAY WON'T LAST FOREVER
IT WILL BE YOUR END!!

THAT 1ST YEAR IS RECKLESSLY DASHING ALL OVER THE PLACE!?
IF YOU KEEP ON PLAYING AT THAT PACE, YOU'RE GOING TO DESTROY YOURSELF ECHIZEN!!

SEIGAKU!!
SEIGAKU!!
OOOHH!!

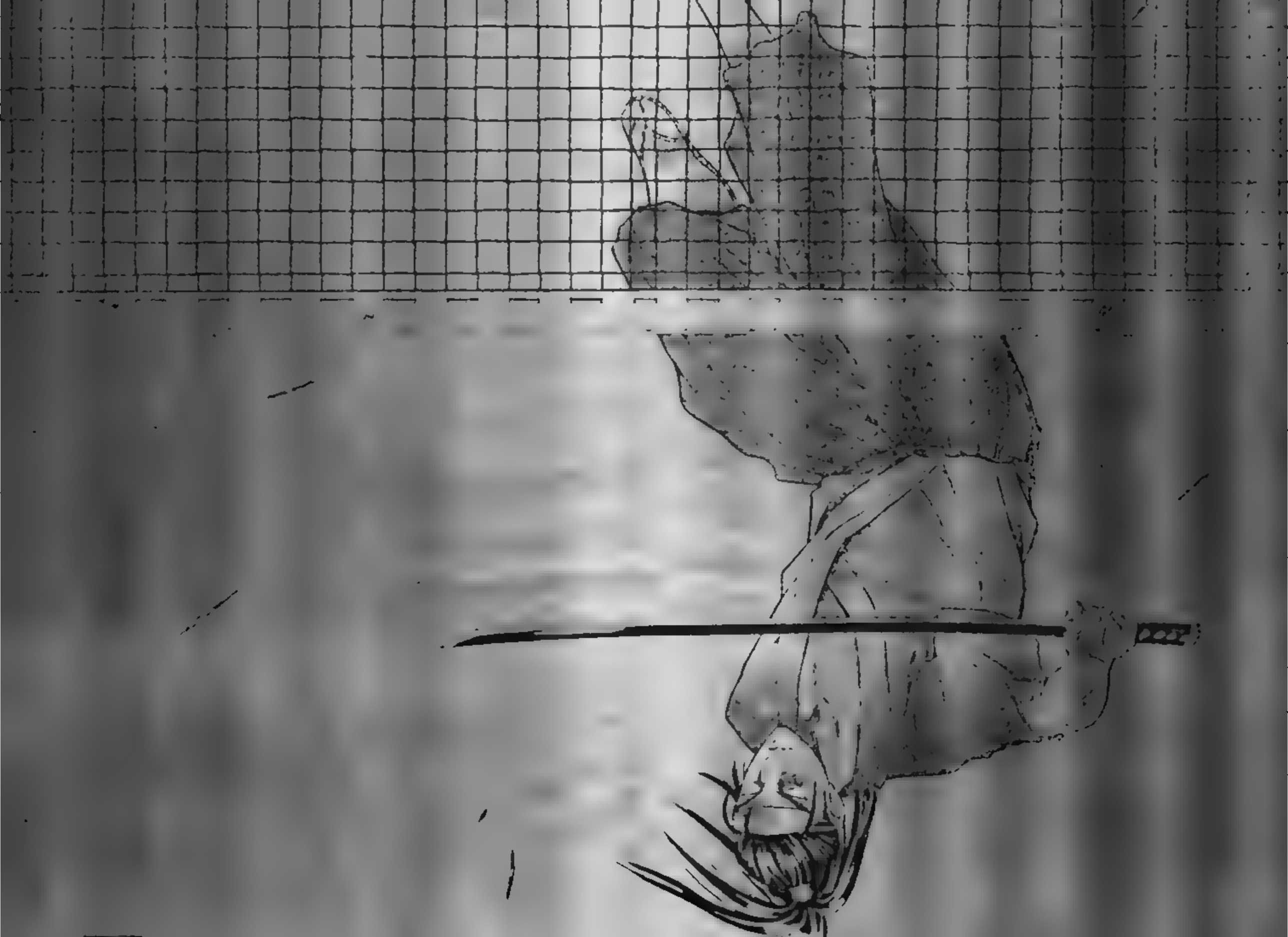
SEIGAKU!!
SEIGAKU!!
SEIGAKU!!
SEIGAKU!!
SEIGAKU!!
ECHIZEN...

OOOOOHH!
!
DRIVE B!!

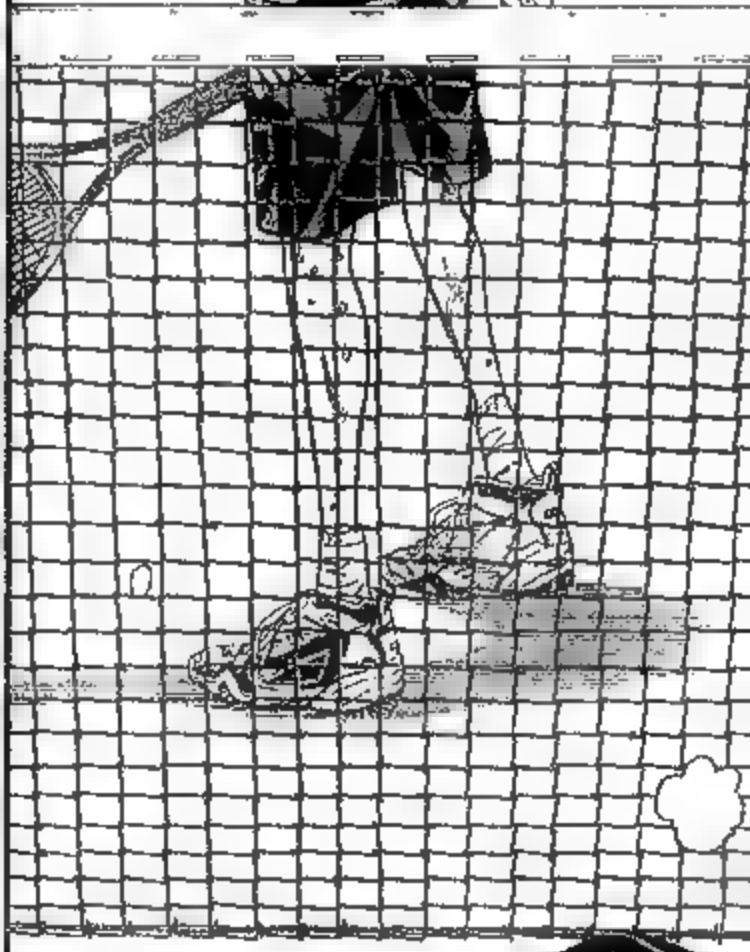
DRIVE B!!
AND ANOTHER...
WHAT THE... THE SPEED OF THE BALL
IS INCREASING !?

AT ANY RATE...
IF YOU UNDERESTIMATE THAT KID, HE WILL MAKE YOU PAY!
THIS IS THAT GUY'S BEST TENSION.

WAAAH!!
GAME ECHIZEN 3 - 5!!
THIS IS A TALENT OF THE TOP PROS OF THE WORLD!
FROM THE SECOND HALF OF THIS MATCH, THE SPEED OF HIS BALLS HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE...
WHAT IS GOING ON? THIS 1ST YEAR IS...
HE IS CLEARLY DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS I'VE FACED...



WHAT WAS THAT... JUST NOW!?



SANADA'S FIVE SENSES ALSO SENSE IT

WHAT WAS IT THAT SANADA SAW!?
NEXT ISSUE, VS SANADA CLIMAX!!

AYOMA TEZUKA. NOW THAT MATCH...

LET'S GO

BRING THE MEMORIES FROM THAT INTENSE BATTLE

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SHALL WE BEGIN?

THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK. GIVE ME EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT, ECHIZEN!
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T TELL ME, THAT'S WHAT I INTEND TO DO.

HEH.
SO FAST
ALL OF A
SUDDEN

HERE I GO!!
TSUAAH!!

TEZUKA

WHAT'S WRONG, ECHIZEN?
TRY AND DEFEAT ME!

WHAT WAS THAT SAMURAI-LIKE THING...!?
WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT THING THAT JUST APPEARED IN FRONT OF MY EYES...

HOW ABSURD!
I SHOULD NOT BE SEEING SUCH THINGS, WHATEVER!
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS!!
AS EXPECTED, HE'S STRONG!! THIS IS THE MAN WHO HAS EXPERIENCED COUNTLESS FIERCE BATTLES IN THE NATIONALS!!
EMPEROR! EMPEROR!
15 - 15!!
EMPEROR! EMPEROR!
SEIGAKU! SEIGAKU!
青学
I WILL NOT LOSE!
HEEEYY! DON'T LOSE ECHIZEN!!
THIS IS BAD! IF HE GETS 3 MORE POINTS, RYOMA-KUN WILL LOSE!
Even though he's already come so far!

I WILL NOT LOSE!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR TRUE SKILLS SHOULD BE MORE THAN THAT,--
RELEASE THE

HIT IT!

A SHOT THAT I CAN NOT RETURN...
HIT IT!!

AND...
HIT IT!
EVOLVE, ECHIZEN!!

SAMURAI!?

THEN I WILL HIT IT!!

TEZUKA ALSO... SAW IT!?

BACKED INTO A CORNER!
HOWEVER...
OOOOOOOH!!
"PRINCE OF TENNIS"

HE WON'T BACK DOWN!!

YES!!

SUCH FOOLISHNESS!!

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THAT ECHIZEN, IT'S STILL NOT OVER FOR HIM YET!!
GAME ECHIZEN
4
—
5
!!
HAH
ZEH

...WHAT IS HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN THIS GUY!?

DAMN...
15
—
0
!

HE CAN CHANGE THE FLOW OF THE MATCH WITH JUST ONE LOB
EVEN AFTER COMING THIS FAR, HE CAN STILL HIT THAT TOP SPIN LOB WITH SUCH UNPARALLELED PRECISION
HE'S BEEN THROUGH HUNDREDS OF THESE KINDS OF BATTLES
BASTARD!!

HE HIT THAT LOB ON TOP OF THE SAME LINE FOR THREE TIMES STRAIGHT?!
40—0!
30—0!
HE CAN HIT IT 1000 TIMES ON TOP OF THE SAME LINE IF HE WANTED TO!
3 STRAIGHT...? DON'T YOU KNOW WHO HE IS, GAKUTO?
THAT'S THE KIND OF MONSTER THAT KID IS PLAYING AGAINST...
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!

ONE MORE POINT!!
ALRIGHT! IT'S MATCH-POINT!!
ONE MORE POINT!!
SEIGAKU'S VICTORY NEVER EXISTED FOR YOU GUYS IN THE FIRST PLACE
GIVE IT UP...

NO MATCH CLOSELY
NOW ECHIZEN WON'T BE ABLE TO GO UP FRONT ANYMORE
HE'S GOING TO GO UP FRONT!

ECHIZEN!!
HE'LL FALL PREY TO HIS LOB!!
IT'S RECKLESS! HE'S STILL TRYING TO ATTACK!
I WILL
KEEP ON ATTACKING!!

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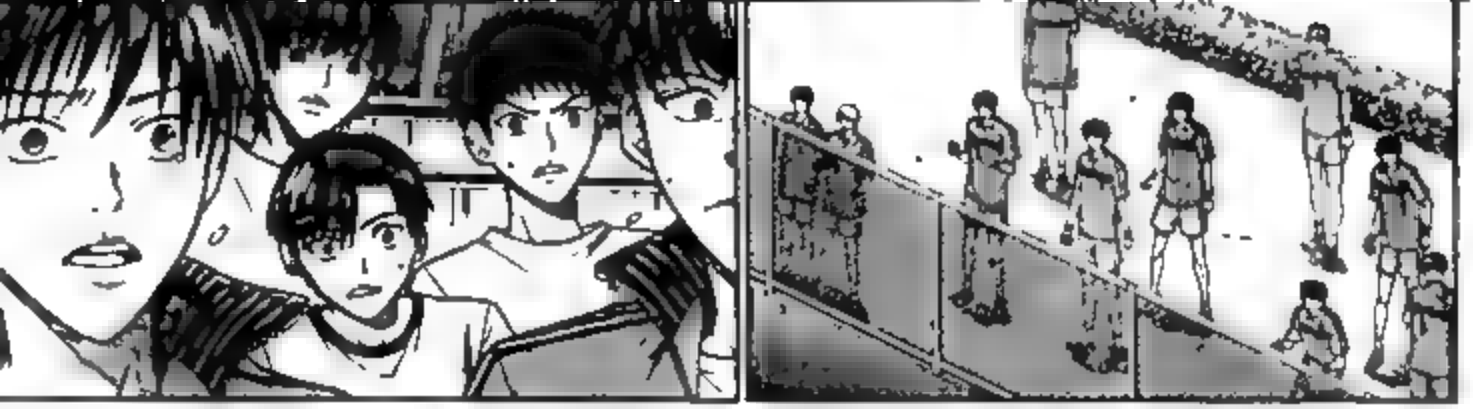
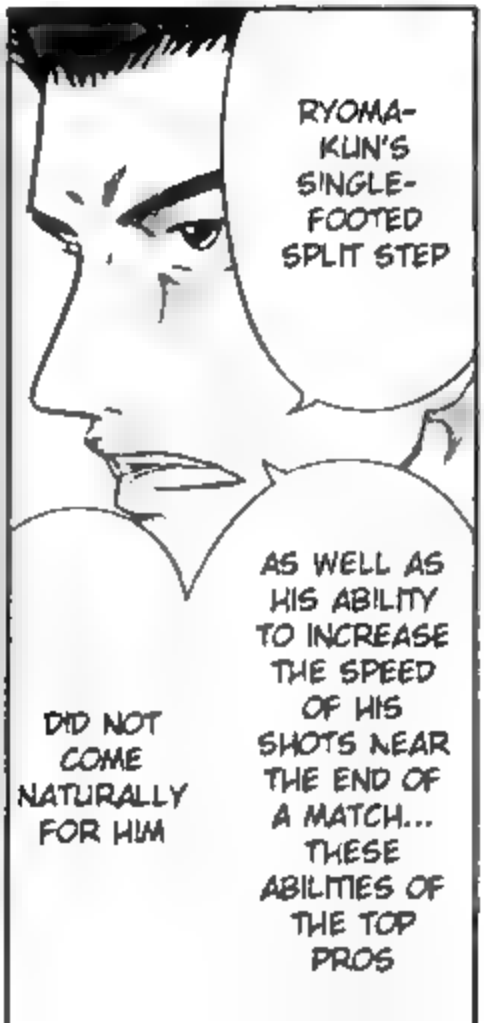


SHIBA... YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT LIKE THIS BEFORE, RIGHT?
EH?

HE HIMSELF MAY NOT EVEN KNOW IT, BUT EVER SINCE HE WAS A CHILD HE HAS BEEN SPECIALLY TRAINED
THIS TRAINING HAS BECOME INGRAINED IN HIS BODY


RYOMA-KUN'S SINGLE-FOOTED SPLIT STEP
AS WELL AS HIS ABILITY TO INCREASE THE SPEED OF HIS SHOTS NEAR THE END OF A MATCH... THESE ABILITIES OF THE TOP PROS
DID NOT COME NATURALLY FOR HIM

MADA MADA MADA!!

POWERFUL RYOMA!!

SEIGAKU

I'M BEING PRESSURED BY HIS INTENSITY...!?

OUT!

40—15!!

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Rikkai Question Box

Vol.5

Great Reviews!!

RIKKAI UNIV. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

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Here's a chance to hear the true voices behind the members of Rikkai (LOL).
And so, here are the answers to the questions in the letters that you guys have sent in!

Q : Among the Rikkai Regulars, who studies the hardest and has the highest grades?

(Okayama Prefecture Asakuchi district K.M -san)

I guess it would have to be Renji, right? If I remember correctly, didn't he have the top grades on the midterms?

It would have to be our Strategist.

Hiroshi, you're also quite a study bug right?
(TENTORI MUSHI = DILLIGENT STUDENT; MUSHI = BUG)

I may study a lot, but I am not a bug. (Total Silence)

RYOMA!
IN A PINCH!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ECHIZEN LIKE THAT...
HERE I GOOOO !!

UOOOOOOHH!!
I...

THE CAPTAIN'S DECISION
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I AM GOING TO DEFEAT YOU!!
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GAME ECHIZEN 5 | 5 !!
5 5
7 5
THAT ECHIZEN SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE TRIPLE-MATCH POINT!!
NOT ONLY THAT...
HE'S FINALLY CALIGHT UP WITH SANADA!!
OH!

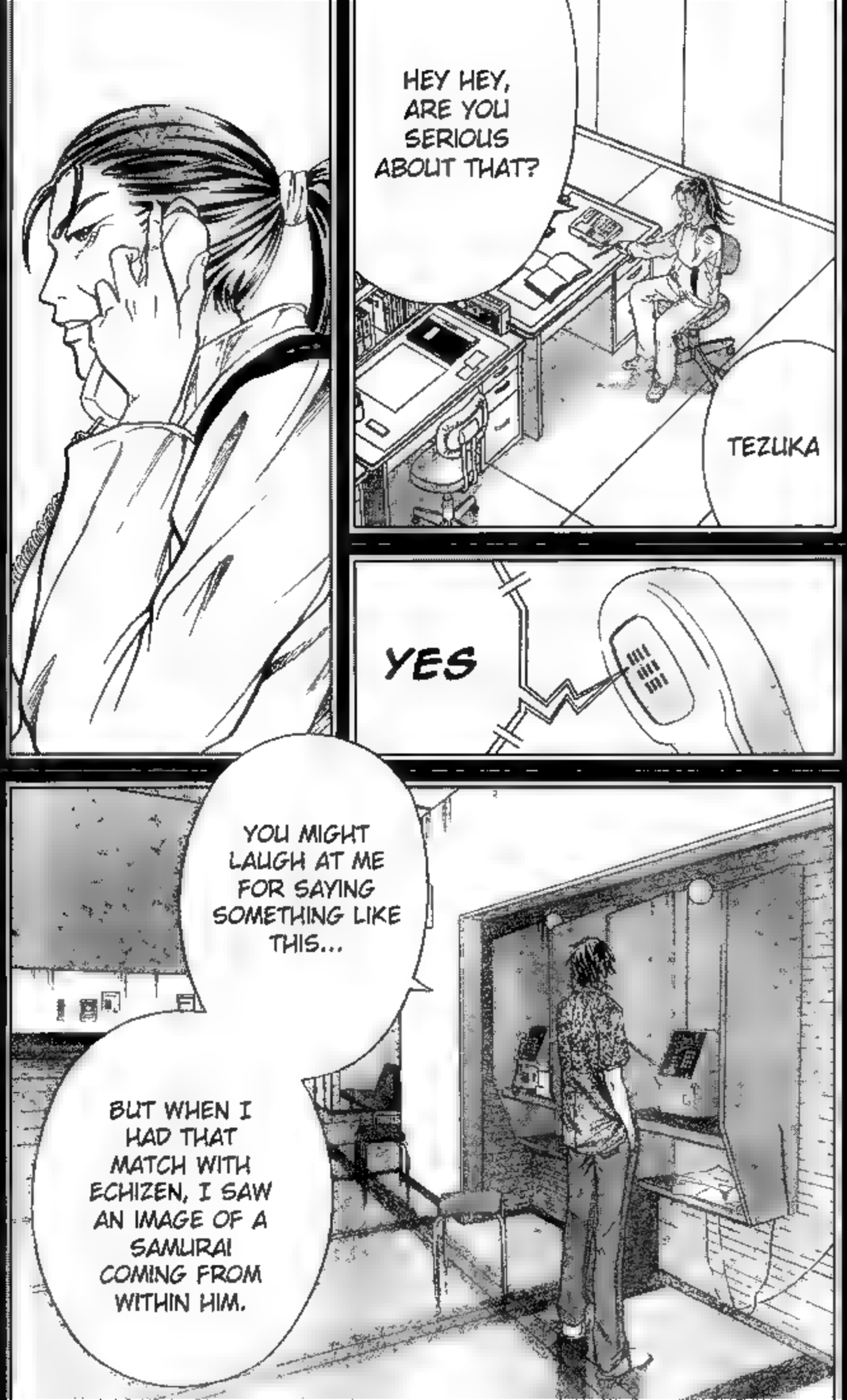
THERE IT IS! RYOMA-KUN'S...!!

TWIST SERVE!!

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM!?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME WITH JUST YOUR INTENSITY?
TOO EASY!!

DROP VOLLEY!?
THIS GUY... HE'S SO CALM!!
THE TWIST SERVE THAT JUMPED OUTSIDE WAS JUST A DECOY...
YES!!

A WINNING ENERGY!!
WOOAH!! WHAT KIND OF ENERGY DOES THIS GUY HAVE!?
SEIGAKU! SEIGAKU!
ALRIGHT! GO ECHIZEN!!
LET'S GO! OCHIBI!
SEIGAKU! SEIGAKU!
WILL YOU LET ECHIZEN PLAY SINGLES 1 THIS TIME?


HEY HEY, ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?
TEZUKA
YES
YOU MIGHT LAUGH AT ME FOR SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
BUT WHEN I HAD THAT MATCH WITH ECHIZEN, I SAW AN IMAGE OF A SAMURAI COMING FROM WITHIN HIM.

THERE IS SOMETHING HUGE AND IMMEASURABLE HIDING WITHIN HIM!
I COMPLETELY DEFEATED HIM.
THAT IS WHY I DEFEATED HIM WITH MY FULL STRENGTH
IF I DIDN'T DO THAT, IT FELT AS IF HIS DOOR WOULD REMAIN CLOSED FOREVER.
THAT IS WHY I...
HOWEVER, AFTER HE HAS DEFEATED THAT PERSON, WHAT WILL BE LEFT OF HIM?
IT FELT LIKE THE ONLY REASON HE PLAYED TENNIS WAS TO DEFEAT A CERTAIN OPPONENT.

SAMURAI NANJIROU...
THAT'S RYOMA'S FATHER... AND HIS TARGET.
SO IT'S AS I THOUGHT.
OH, YOU ALREADY KNEW?
I WASN'T COMPLETELY CERTAIN...

FURTHERMORE, IF HE WANTS TO WIN AND ADVANCE IN THE NATIONALS...
EVEN IF THE RESULTS MIGHT BE...
THEN HE MUST FACE SANADA.
TEZUKA, WHY DO YOU GO SO FAR FOR ECHIZEN...

SFX : CLICK
BECAUSE I AM HIS CAPTAIN.

THE ROOKIE IN FRONT OF HIM THAT DROVE HIM THERE.

ONE MORE SHOT! WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE!?

AND

NO ONE AT THE TENNIS COURT CAN BELIEVE THEIR EYES.

THE UNDEFEATED EMPEROR WHO HAS BEEN DRIVEN TO MATCH POINT...

Rikkai Question Box

Vol.6

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And so, here are the answers to the questions in the letters that you guys have sent in!

Q : Captain Yukimura has the Guillain-Barre Syndrome, but I've heard from a friend that surgery wouldn't cure the disease...? Anyways, please get better. I am rooting for you.

(Aichi Prefecture Nagoya city R.O -san)

Thank you very much. It seems like I've caused a lot of people to worry. I will be alright! I will definitely get well in time for the Nationals.

Yukimura's disease isn't the Guillain-Barre Syndrome! However, it does have a strong resemblance...

Indeed, Guillain-Barre Syndrome can not be cured by surgery. Even so, we hope that he recovers as soon as possible.

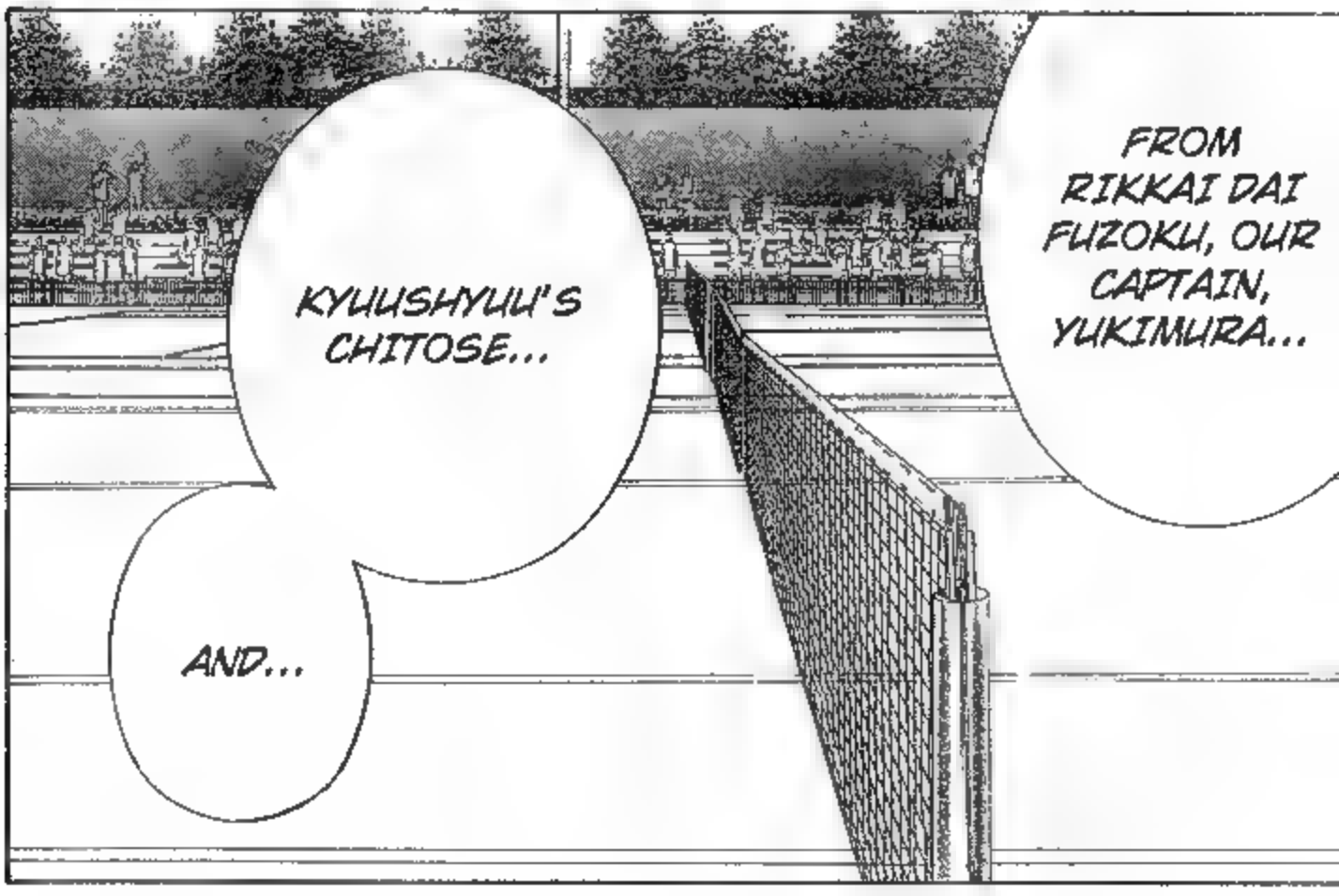
Before he graduates, I would like to play against him again. This time, I will definately beat him...

I sincerely appologize to the patients and family members of those suffering from the Guillain Barre Syndrome for the misunderstanding caused by my representation of the disease.

Konomi Takeshi
Weekly Shounen Jump Editorial Department

HAH
HAH
HAH
ONE MORE POINT TILL VICTORY!
Well, アイ ガット ユー I got you コーナード cornered
*RYOMA IS TALKING ENGLISH
AH, WHAT'S THAT!?
THAT GUY SAVED UP SOMETHING INCREDIBLE FOR HIS FINAL MOVE!!
SURPASSING ONE'S LIMITS AND REACHING THE "STATE OF SELF-ACTUALIZATION"...

THERE ARE ONLY 3 PEOPLE I KNOW OF WHO CAN USE THAT MOVE


KYUUSHYUU'S CHITOSE...
AND...
FROM RIKKAI DAI FUZOKU, OUR CAPTAIN, YUKIMURA...

MY HEART HAS BECOME EMPTY.
IT IS EMPTY BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING.

ME!

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THE NUMBER ONE PERSON WHO HATES LOSING

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EMPEROR!!
EMPEROR!
EMPEROR!
HEH
TSUAHH!!
AMAZING! HE'S COMPLETELY RETURNED ECHIZEN'S ATTACK.
NO, IT WAS A SPLENDID ATTACK, HOWEVER...

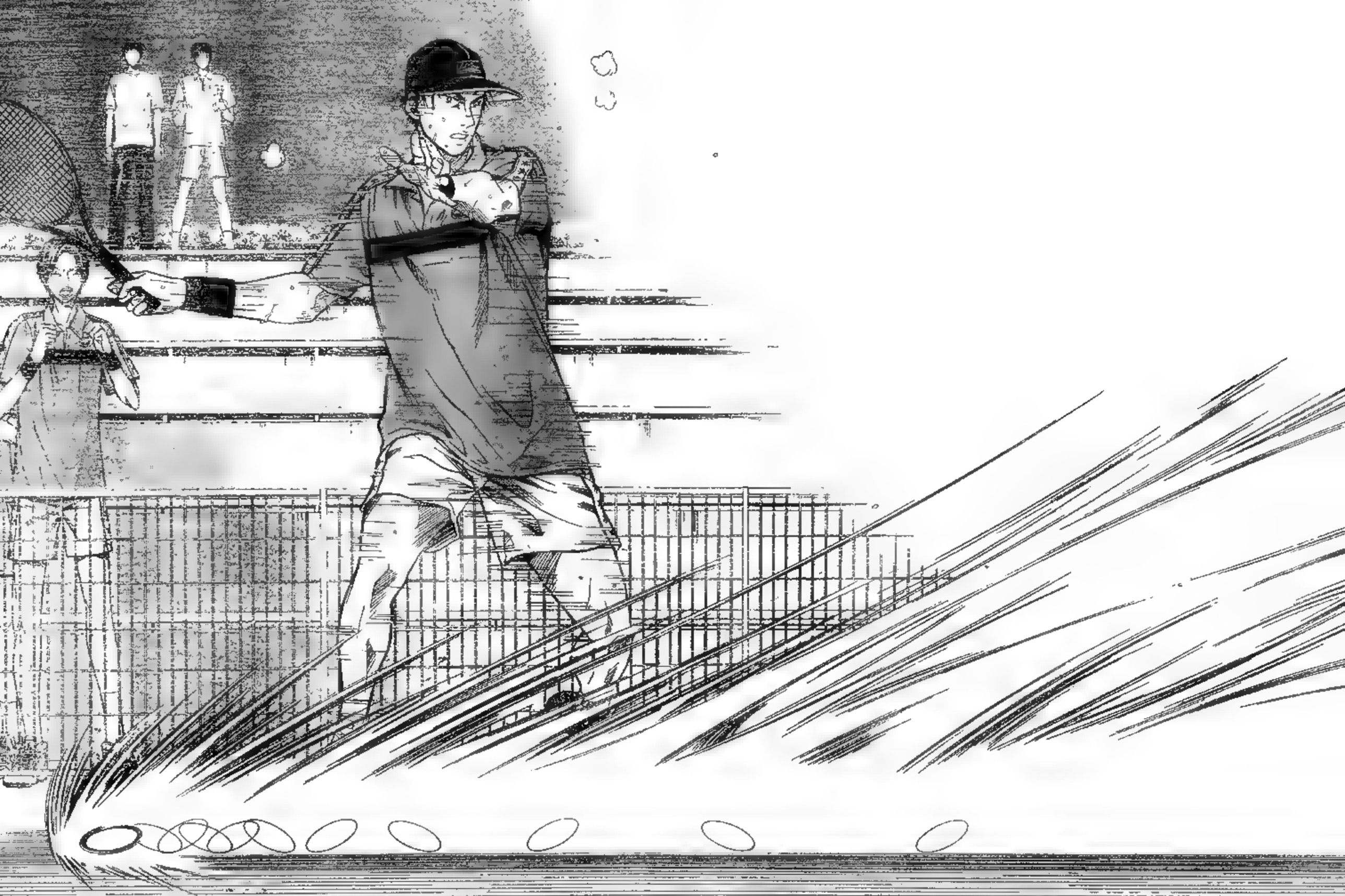
THERE IS A HUGE WEAK-NESS HIDDEN WITHIN YOUR TENNIS.

GOOOOO! THIS WILL DECIDE IT!!
THAT EXPLOSIVE ENERGY OF YOURS...
IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR FATAL WEAKNESS... IT MAKES YOU VERY VULNERABLE TO COUNTERATTACKS.
DAMN, THAT SMASH WAS TOO SHALLOW!!
FAREWELL, ECHIZEN RYOMA!

IT'S NO GOOD! EVEN ECHIZEN WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THAT SHOT!!
IT'S A TOP SPIN LOB!!

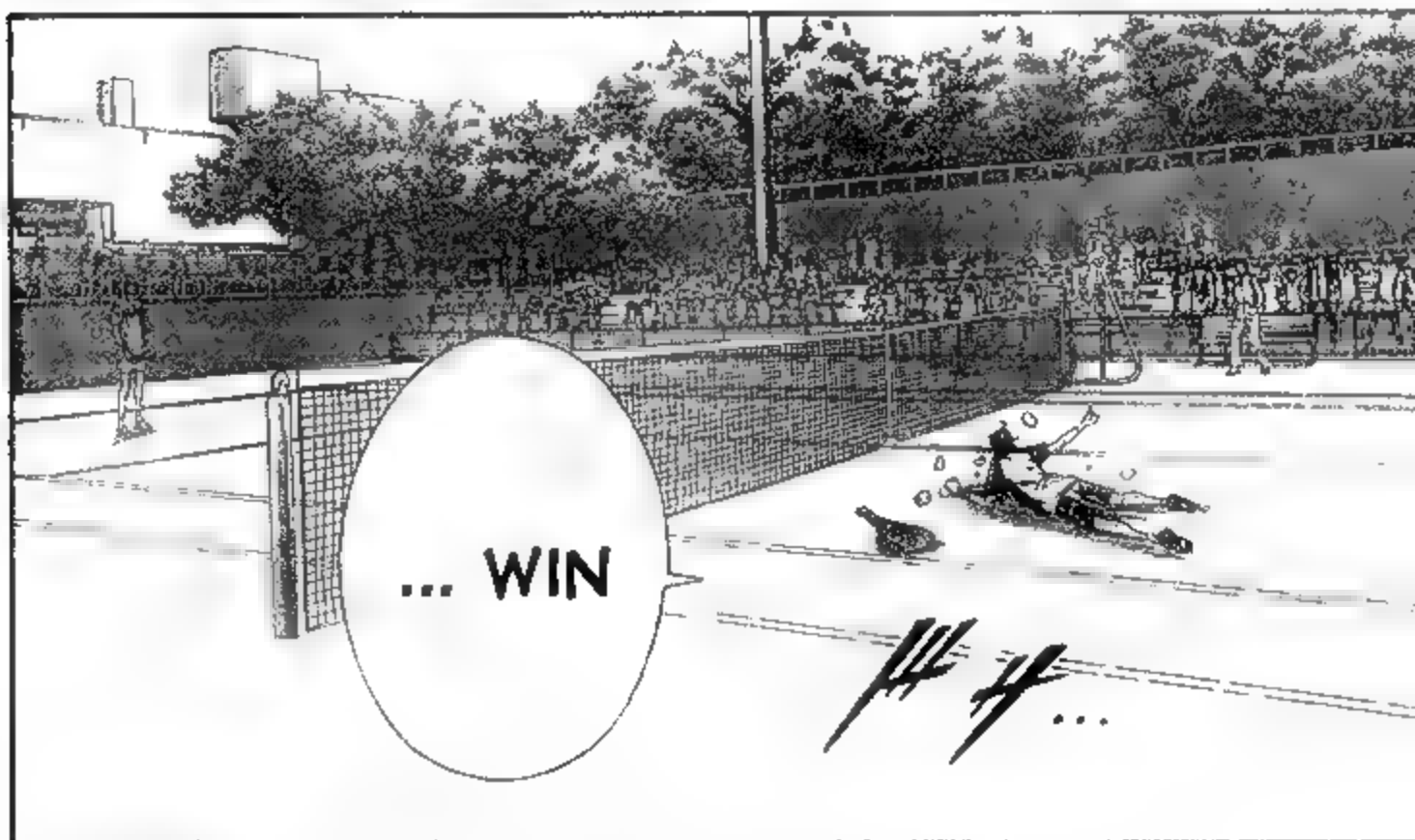
COOL DRIVE

IT'S NOT THE DRIVE B...!



IT'S...
HAH

MY...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GAME, SET WON BY
HISTORY HAS BEEN CHANGED!!
SEIGAKU, ECHIZEN 7—5 !!

Rikkai Question Box

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Q : I was really surprised when Sanada pulled off the "State of Self-Actualization". As a Rikkai fan, I think that it would have been better if he had done it earlier though. Why didn't he do it until the very last moment?

(Gunma Prefecture Isesaki city YK -kun)

It really surprised me as well. But it seems like I can do it too (satisfied grin).

SMACK

Ow (Being smacked by Sanada)

Why must I imitate the techniques of those at a lower level than me?

No comment.

SEIGAKU
ECHIZEN
7 - 5!!

GAME
SET
WON BY
...

Ryoma Wins!!

"PRINCE OF TENNIS"

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青春学園中

SEIGAKU HAS COMPLETED THE KANTOU CONQUEST!!

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THE PRINCE OF TENNIS
テニスの王子様

OCHIBI! OCHIBI!

OCHIBI! OCHIBI!

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU...!

IT'S OK! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! HIGHER! HIGHER!!

ECHIZEN! ECHIZEN!!

ECHIZEN! ECHIZEN!!

THESE GUYS REALLY DID IT!

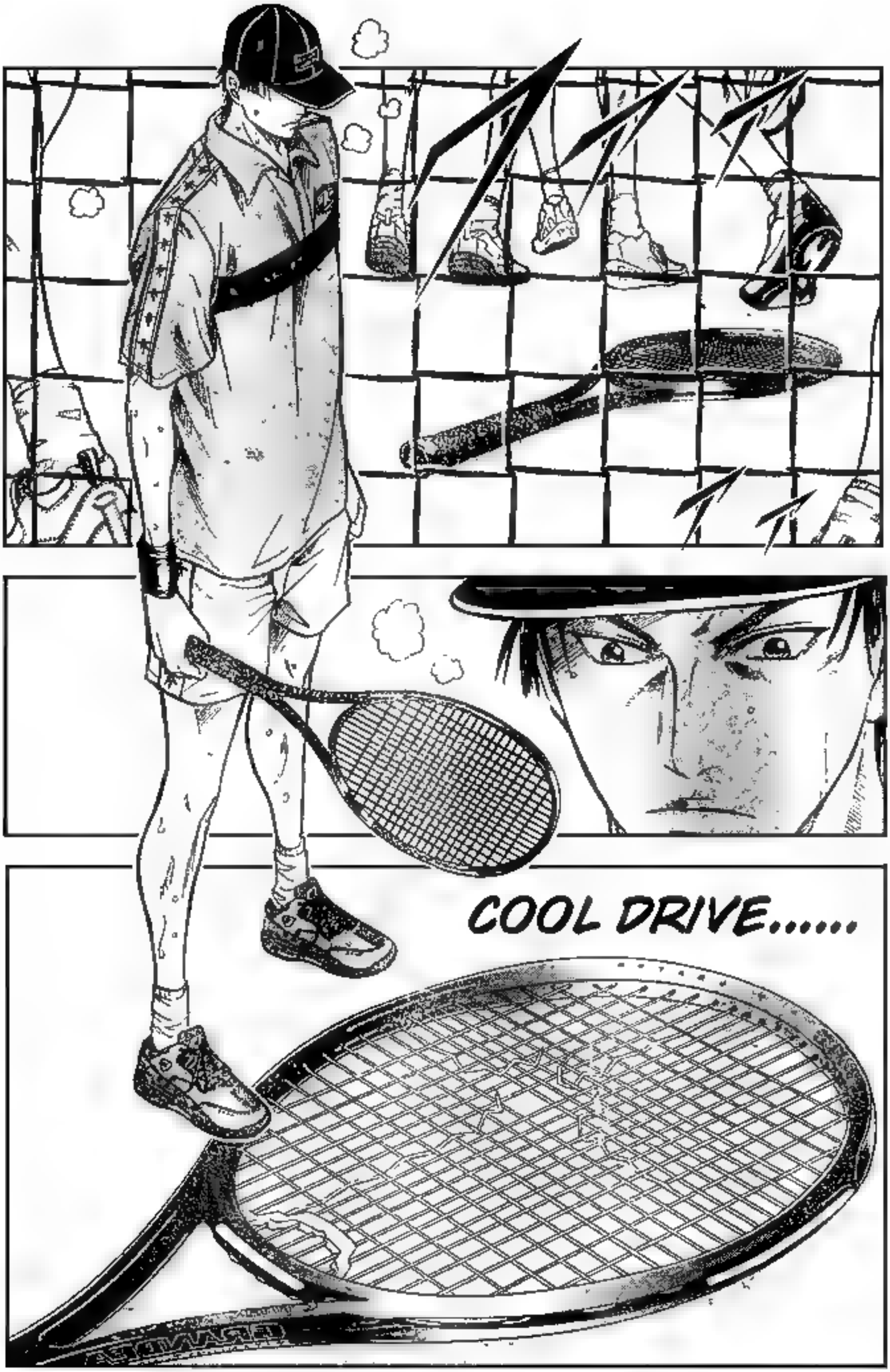
TEZUKA

THE CHAMPIONS RIKKAI WERE ACTUALLY DEFEATED AT THE KANTOU TOURNAMENT!

He actually did it...

AHHHH! OISHI IS ACTUALLY CRYING!!

EH, AH, GEEZ..


COOL DRIVE.....

AND SOMETIMES RESULTS IN A IRREGULAR BOUNCE.

THIS CAUSES THE SHAPE OF THE BALL TO CHANGE

THE BALL DIDN'T EVEN BOUNCE AND JUST-GLIDED ALONG THE GROUND.

HOWEVER, THIS KIND OF SHOT MIGHT NOT EVEN HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL 1 OUT OF 100 TIMES..

USING A FIRM GRIP, HE HIT A POWERFUL DRIVE AND CREATED AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF SPIN.

HAH

I'LL GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR HAVING THE COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE TO TAKE A CHANCE AND PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE!

THAT IS A THING OF THE PAST.

THE CHAMPIONS RIKKAIDAI...

THIS YEAR, WE SHALL ENTER THE NATIONALS AS "CHALLENGERS"!

NATURALLY, IN ORDER TO RECLAIM OUR THRONE!!

YES SIR!!

THE NATIONALS WON'T BE EASY!!

SEIGAKU! WE WILL DEFEAT YOU GUYS AT THE NATIONALS!

AT LEAST WIN UNTIL WE FACE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOST!

AT THE END OF AN INTENSE BATTLE, THE CHAMPIONS RIKKAI FALLS TO SEIGAKU.

BUT NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED THE NEW TROUBLES THAT THIS ONE VICTORY WOULD BRING.

AND, ON THAT DAY, THERE WAS STILL ANOTHER MATCH...

THE BATTLE TO DECIDE 3RD PLACE-

Fudomine (Tokyo)
VS
Rokkaku (Chiba)

BOTH SCHOOLS WOULD NOT YIELD A SINGLE STEP. IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE SINGLES 1 MATCH.

Tachibana
VS
Saeki,

HOWEVER...

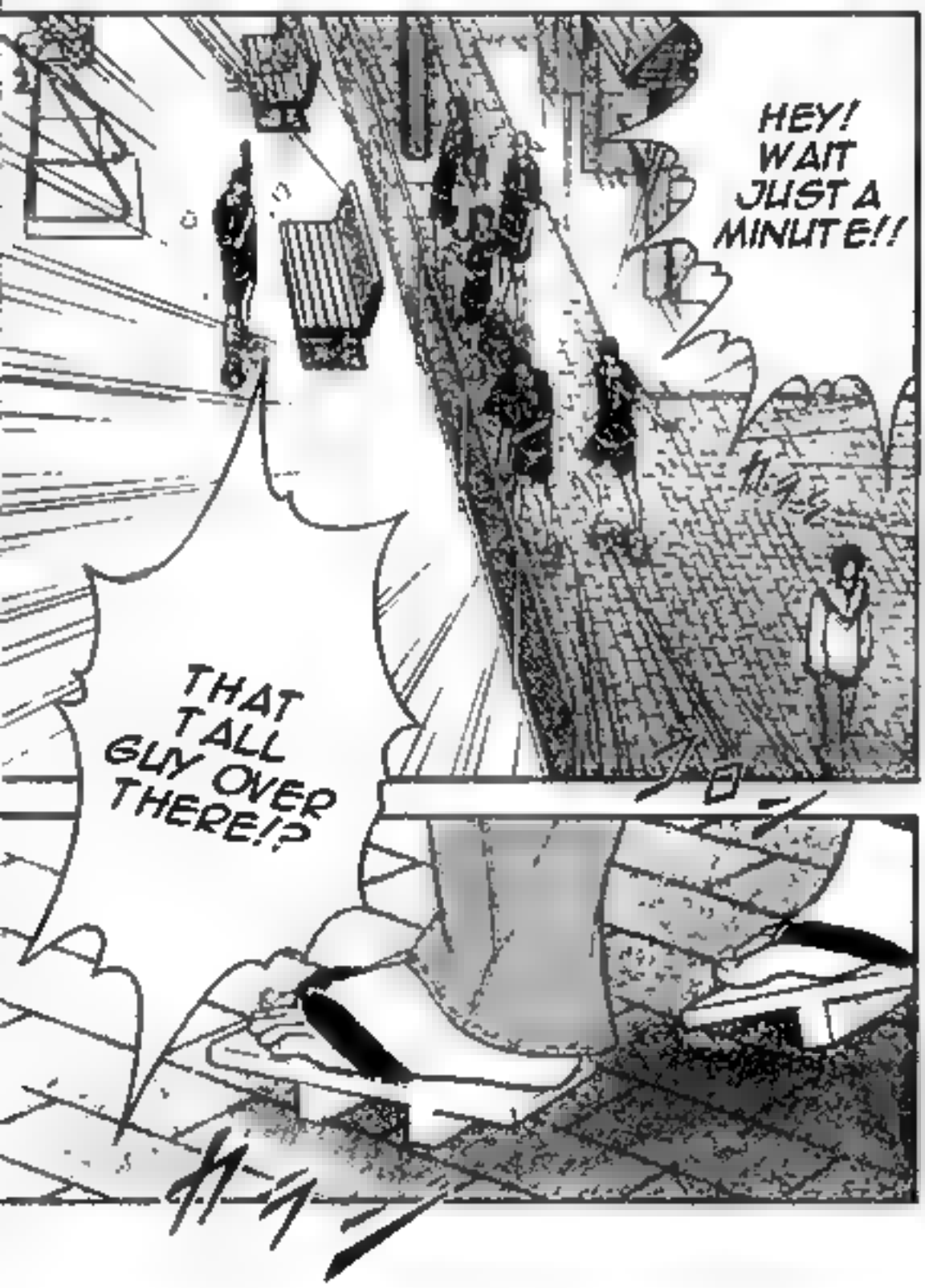
不動峰
FUDOMINE

GAME SET
WON BY
FUDOMINE
TACHIBANA
6 - 2!!

IT'S FUDOMINE!!

AMAZING! AS EXPECTED, THAT TACHIBANA GUY IS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL!!

HE WAS ABLE TO CONTAIN SAEKI!!


HEY! WAIT JUST A MINUTE!!
THAT TALL GUY OVER THERE!?

THIS YEAR'S KANTOU WAS A DISAPPOINT-MENT.
WHAT KIND OF A MATCH WAS THAT?

KIPPEI, HAVE YOU BECOME WEAK?

WEREN'T YOU STRONGER THAN THIS 1 YEAR AGO?

CHITOSE MAKES HIS APPEARANCE! HIS TRUE SKILLS ARE!?

...CHITOSE

THAT MEANS... TACHIBANA-SAN

THAT'S THE GUY FROM KYUUSHUU!?

Rikkai Question Box

Vol.8

Great Reviews!!

RIKKAI UNIV. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

K-Works Corporation

Continuing from the previous volume, it's the segment that has gotten great reviews!!
Here's a chance to hear the true voices behind the members of Rikkai (LOL).
And so, here are the answers to the questions in the letters that you guys have sent in!

Q : Who is the most popular among the Rikkai Regulars?

(Kanagawa Prefecture Yokohama city S N -san)

Hmph, what a trivial question! (Eyebrow moves slightly)

Of course it's me! That rumor about the 'good looking guy' is all about me!

Whatever! Yukimura and Bunta, Niou and even Hiroshi are all more popular than you...

Jackal isn't popular at all. Hehe...! (Total Silence)

AFTER THE HEATED BATTLES...

THE XXTH NATIONAL JR. HIGH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ANNOUNCING THE KANTOU TOURNAMENT BOY'S TEAM DIVISION COMPETITION RESULTS...

AS WELL AS THE 6 SCHOOLS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

FUDOMINE JR. HIGH (TOKYO)!!

FIRST UP, IN 3RD PLACE...

パチパチ

KIPPEI, HAVE YOU BECOME WEAK?

WEREN'T YOU STRONGER THAN THIS 1 YEAR AGO?

パチパチ

HE'S HAD TO COACH US AND CARRY OUT OUR PRACTICES WITHOUT ANY OTHER 3RD YEAR MEMBERS PRESENT.

OUR TEAM LACKS A STRONG RIVAL AND COACH. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT'S NO WONDER TACHIBANA-SAN BECAME WEAKER...

THAT PERSON DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE BURIED HERE.

パチ

パチパチ…

THAT'S WHY WE MUST BECOME STRONGER!!

WUU?

.....

RIKKAI DAI FUZOKU JR. HIGH?

PLEASE COME FORWARD...

NEXT, IN 2ND PLACE...

RIKKAI DAI FUZOKU JR. HIGH (KANAGAWA)!!

NO THANKS!

WE STRIVE ONLY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

RIKKAI UNIV

EVERYTHING ELSE IS WORTHLESS!

SEISHUN GAKUEN JR. HIGH DIVISION (TOKYO)!!

SEIGAKU

SEIGAKU

WHAT A WASTE!

HEH

THAT GUY'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS. SUCH A HEART-BREAKER.

THE HEARTBREAKER HAD HIS HEART BROKEN...

THE KANTOU TOURNAMENT CHAMPION...

AND FINALLY...

And 4th place is Rokkaku Jr. High, 5th place is Yamabuki Jr. High,

We hope that you show the same energy at the National Tournament that you have shown here in Kantou...

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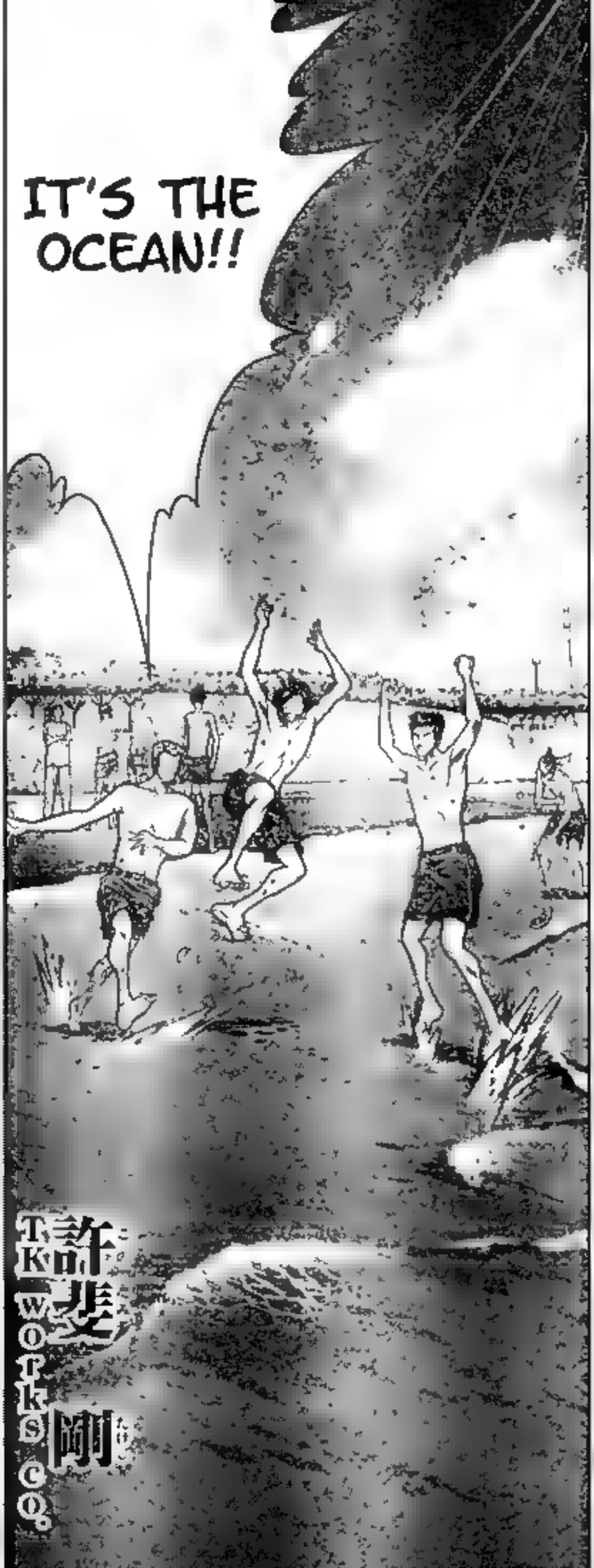
SEIGAKU MAY HAVE WON
THE KANTOU CHAMPIONSHIP...

HOWEVER, THEIR SUMMER
HAS NOT ENDED YET



GENIUS 237:
SEIGAKU'S SUMMER VACATION

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UMMM... FANTA... FANTA...

BIP

KACHUN

!
WELCOME...

YOU'VE FINALLY ARRIVED, ECHIZEN-KUN!

YEAH! LET'S PLAY SOME BEACH VOLLEYBALL!!

WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING US TO JOIN ROKKAKU'S TRAINING CAMP.

IT'S TOO BAD YOU GUYS LOST THAT MATCH WITH FUDOMINE

WE'LL BEAT THEM NEXT TIME

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO KEEP A MARK ON US BEFORE THE NATIONALS.

YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT

ALRIGHT EVERYONE! ENOUGH WITH THE SERIOUS TALK! LET'S HAVE A BLAST AT THE BEACH TODAY!

Old Man's Cup Beach Volleyball Tournament

ROKKAKU

SEISHUN GAKUEN

...
AND SO IT RESULTED IN THIS.

HUH? SEIGAKU HAS 8 PEOPLE, AND ROKKAKU HAS 7 PEOPLE, WE'RE 1 PERSON SHORT.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

LET'S DRAW LOTS AND MIX UP THE TEAMS A BIT

WE'LL COMPETE IN A TOURNAMENT

NO WAY! NO WAY! NO WAY!!?

...

BY THE WAY, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A TOURNAMENT, DON'T YOU GUYS FEEL THAT IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME SORT OF PUNISHMENT GAME?

!

MY LATEST CREATION

INUI SPECIAL IWASHI MIZU... (IWASHI WATER)

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD! NO!!

GEHYA-BUUU!!!

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SHU-SHUDOU!?

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IT'S SARDINE WATER

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SPRING WATER?

FRESHLY SQUEEZED SARDINE JUICE. ABUNDANT IN DHA.

*IWASHI MIZU = SPRING WATER
IWASHI = SARDINE

AND NOW THE NUMBERS ARE EVEN.

!!!!!!

GOOD LUCK, ECHIZEN-KUN

ECHIZEN-AOI TEAM

KIKUMARU-ITSUKI TEAM

I'M NOT GOOD WITH THIS GUY...

HEY, WHY IS HE WEARING A BANDAID?

YUP

WE MUST NOT LOSE

MOMOSHIRO-KUROBANE TEAM

AND SO A TOURNAMENT THAT IS HOTTER THAN THE NATIONALS BEGINS!!